



CP/3679

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

*Election
esp
10-19-02*

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited in the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: **BOX NON-FEE AMENDMENT**, Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on October 10, 2002.


Clyde L. Smith
Reg. No. 46,292
Thompson Coburn LLP
One US Bank Plaza
St. Louis, MO 63101
314-552-6338

RECEIVED

OCT 18 2002

GROUP 3600

Application of: Campbell, Steve

Group Art No.: 3679

Serial No.: 09/884,533

Atty. Docket No.: 11011-7801

Filed: 06/19/2001

For: Method of and Joint for
Coupling Thermoplastic Pipes

Examiner: DUNWOODY, Aaron

BOX NON-FEE AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

ELECTION OF SPECIES WITHOUT TRAVERSE

This election of species without traverse is sent in response to the Office Action of Paper No. 2, dated September 27, 2002 which restricted the figures of the present application into seven groups.

The Office Action requires an election of species. In particular, the Office Action states that an election of species must be made by choosing one of the following groups of figures:

Group 1, Figures 1-12;

Group 2, Figures 13-17;

Group 3, Figures 18-20;

Group 4, Figures 21-23;

Group 5, Figures 24-27;

Group 6, Figures 28-31;

Group 7, Figures 32-35.

In response to the election requirement, applicant provisionally elects Group 7, Figures 32-35. Claims 1 through 21 are readable thereon.

Respectfully submitted,



Clyde L. Smith, Reg. No. 46,292
Thompson Coburn LLP
One US Bank Plaza
St. Louis, Missouri 63101
Telephone: 314-552-6338
Fax: 314-552-7338